

IOWA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS
BI-MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY,
PRESENTATION ROOM, AT 10 A.M. ON FRIDAY, 16 MARCH 2012

A regularly scheduled Iowa Council on Homelessness meeting was held on Friday, March 16, 2012 at the Iowa Finance Authority, 2015 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

I CALL TO ORDER

The 16 March 2012 meeting of the Iowa Council on Homelessness was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Chair Gronstal. There are currently 34 members on the Iowa Council on Homelessness. The following members were present: Axeen, Beilke-McCallum, Brand, Brustkern, Canganelli, Davidson, Dunnwald, Falck, Fidelis, Flores (alt. for Armstrong), Gronstal, Harris, Hearn, Hornbuckle, Johnson, Keairns, Kellogg, O'Tool, Peterson, Phillips, Steben, and Timm. A quorum was established.

II ICN ETIQUETTE

No action taken

III APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Ms. Phillips to approve the agenda for the March 16, 2012 Iowa Council on Homelessness meeting. Mr. Peterson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV APPROVAL OF THE 20 JANUARY 2012 MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Beilke-McCallum to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2012 meeting of the Iowa Council on Homelessness. Mr. Steben seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE / TASK FORCE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Chair Gronstal discussed that the Executive Committee had met on February 24th and March 9th to focus on ways to align Emergency Solutions Grant/State Assistance Fund grant monies and regulations to better comply with rules outlined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Mr. Peterson stated that the elimination of Balance of State ESG funds to the entitlement cities of Des Moines and Sioux City is not something that the Iowa Finance Authority is prepared to support at this time.

ACTION ITEM

On motion by Mr. Beilke-McCallum and seconded by Ms. Hornbuckle to strike Bullet 3 in Issue 1 from the Council's formal recommendation to the Iowa Finance Authority regarding elimination of Balance of State ESG funding to entitlement cities in Iowa, the Chair called for a roll call vote.

Axeen, No; Beilke-McCallum, Yes; Brand, Yes; Brustkern, No; Canganelli, Abstain; Davidson, No; Dunnwald, No; Falck, No; Fidelis, Yes; Flores (alt. for Armstrong), Yes; Gronstal, Yes; Harris, No; Hearn, No; Hornbuckle, Yes; Johnson, Yes; Keairns, Yes; Kellogg, Abstain; O'Tool, Abstain; Peterson, Yes; Phillips, Yes; Steben, Yes; Timm, Abstain.

Results of Roll Call Vote: 11 Yes, 7 No, 4 Abstentions. The motion failed due to the Council's rules stating that for a motion to pass there needs to be a majority of affirmative votes.

Discussion: Mr. Timm stated that he felt this is unfair to entitlement cities who often times disproportionately serve the homeless. He also noted that while the Executive Committee may have agreed on these recommendations, it was obvious there was some dissidence when brought to the full council. Mr. Fidelis stated that he could not support the motion until there was further guidance or directives from HUD. Ms. Canganelli stated that it was made apparent that the recommendation that entitlement cities be made ineligible to receive Balance of State ESG funds is something that the Iowa Finance Authority is not prepared to support and she felt that she could support the recommendations being put forth. Ms. Carmichael added that she did not feel that this motion would ever have support in the community and that it is unfair to the entitlement cities. Ms. Lewis stated that the Iowa Finance Authority would seek further written guidance from HUD on the allowability of using ESG state funds in entitlement cities, and that the recommendations would have a 30 day public comment period before the Substantial Amendment is submitted to HUD by the Iowa Finance Authority.

ACTION ITEM

On motion by the Executive Committee to approve all the formal recommendations, including the recommendation that Balance of State ESG funding be eliminated to entitlement cities, to the Iowa Finance Authority. The Chair called for a roll call vote.

Axeen, Yes; Beilke-McCallum, Yes; Brand, Yes; Brustkern, Yes; Canganelli, Yes; Davidson, Yes; Dunnwald, Yes; Falck, Yes; Fidelis, Yes; Flores (alt. for Armstrong), Yes; Gronstal, Yes; Harris, Yes; Hearn, Yes; Hornbuckle, Yes; Johnson, Yes; Keairns, Yes; Kellogg, Yes; O'Tool, Yes; Peterson, Yes; Phillips, Yes; Timm, No.

Results of Roll Call Vote: 20 Yes; 1 No. The motion passed.

Nominating Committee

Mr. Brustkern noted that the Committee and Council are currently still waiting on the approval from the Governor's office for the applicants that the Council voted to approve. He also stated that there is still one open seat for a consumer representative.

Continuum of Care Committee

Mr. Beilke-McCallum stated that the committee had met on February 17th and talked about the Continuum of Care checkup.

Ms. Eberbach talked about the Category 3 Homeless Definition. She stated that it outlines the inclusion of individuals and families that are considered homeless under other statutes. She noted that there are 3 other criteria that the individuals and family must meet to be considered homeless. Specifically HUD published a clarification that that there are limitations on providing assistance to certain persons under this category. She discussed limiting expenditures to 10% of those funds and also getting permission from HUD to use funds for Category 3 Homeless. This does not affect ESG. Ms. Eberbach stressed spending some time getting familiar with the Category 3 Homeless definition.

ACTION ITEM

On motion by Mr. Beilke-McCallum and seconded by Ms. Kellogg to approve submitting the Action Plan to HUD. The Council Unanimously approved the motion.

Policy and Planning Committee

No update.

Research and Analysis Committee

Eileen Mitchell's 2012 Point in Time Count presentation was tabled until the next meeting.

Expanding Rapid Rehousing

Mr. Beilke-McCallum said the committee met February 16th and discussed outcome and performance standards for phase II funds. Mr. Beilke-McCallum will be sending an email to all Rapid Rehousing folks to set up another meeting in regards to those. He strongly encouraged folks to attend.

Progressive Engagement and Coordinated Intake

Mr. Hagen noted that the committee met February 1st at the Iowa Institute for Community Alliances. The discussion centered on the next upgrade of HMIS Service Point system that will have increased capacities to support coordinated intake.

VI OTHER REPORTS / ACTIVITIES

HUD CoC Check-Up

Ms. Lewis stated a public hearing is scheduled for April 24th regarding ESG/SAF administrative rules changing to match federal rules and regulations. There will also be a public hearing for the ESG Substantial Amendment(s), which is not yet scheduled. that is not yet scheduled.

VII PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

VIII STATE AGENCY REPORT

None.

IX OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Flores had a question regarding the progress on funding activities with the legislature in terms of funding the council

Chair Gronstal stated that discussions with Sen. Hatch have been ongoing and will hopefully result in the Council being budgeted \$150,000 for staffing.

X NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Fidelis postponed his discussion on his proposed committee or workgroup.

Chair Gronstal stated it would be put on the next meeting's agenda.

Mr. Beilke-McCallum stated that he had some Congressional Letters of Support to Iowa Reps and Senators that he would like Council members to take a look at.

XI DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be May 18, 2012 at the Iowa Finance Authority in Des Moines, Iowa.

XII ADJOURN

On motion by Mr. Beilke-McCallum and seconded by Mr. Peterson, Chair Gronstal declared the Council meeting adjourned at 11:25 A.M.

Iowa Council on Homelessness Members Present

1. Al Axeen, Hawkeye Area Community Action Program
2. Zeb Beilke-McCallum, Iowa Council Against Domestic Violence
3. Bill Brand, Iowa Department of Human Rights
4. Ben Brustkern, Cedar Valley Friends of the Family
5. Crissy Canganelli, Shelter House
6. Ann Davidson, YWCA Fort Dodge
7. Carrie Dunnwald, Youth and Shelter Services
8. Becky Falck, SEIDA Community Action
9. Becky Flores (alt. for Theresa Armstrong), Iowa Department of Human Services
10. Libris Fidelis, Consumer Representative
11. Jeff Gronstal (Chair), Iowa Department of Public Health
12. Kristine Harris, Consumer Representative
13. Ann Hearn, Linn County Community Services
14. Terry Hornbuckle, Iowa Department on Aging
15. Sandy Johnson, Iowa Department of Education
16. Amy Keairns, City of Sioux City
17. Barb Kellogg, North Iowa Community Action Program
18. Deb O'Tool, Domestic/Sexual Assault Outreach
19. Wes Peterson, Iowa Finance Authority
20. Donna Phillips, Iowa Attorney General's Office
21. Bob Steben, Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs
22. Tony Timm, Central Iowa Shelter and Services

Iowa Council on Homelessness Members Absent

1. *Jeremy Babcock, Iowa Economic Development Authority
2. Chris Brooks, Pleasant Hill Police Department
3. Anne Brown, Iowa Department of Corrections
4. Bob Brownell, Iowa State Association of Counties
5. Melissa Fulton, Consumer Representative
6. *Cliff Heckman, VA Medical Center
7. Tom Lampe, Iowa Department of Public Safety
8. Nora Leuck, Mid Iowa Community Action Program
9. *Stefanie Robinson, Family Promise of Linn County
10. Reginald Schmitt, Iowa League of Cities
11. Nancy Schulze, Heartland Family Services
12. Michael Witt, Iowa Workforce Development

* denotes absence was made known prior to the meeting.

Iowa Finance Authority Staff in Attendance.

1. Carolann Jensen, Chief Administration Officer
2. Amber Lewis, Homeless Programs Coordinator
3. Josh McRoberts, Affordable Rental Production Clerk Specialist
4. Joanna Wilson, Associate General Counsel

Others in Attendance

1. Ako Abdul-Samad, Iowa State Legislator
2. Paula Arkema, Mid Iowa Community Action
3. Erin Baldwin, Primary Health Care
4. Tara Beck, Waypoint Services
5. David Binner, Wells Fargo
6. Christine Briggs
7. Sr. Charla Bulko, Dubuque Community Y
8. Pam Carmichael, HOME, Inc.
9. Ronelle Clark, YWCA Clinton
10. Doreen Corley, Operation Threshold
11. Julie Davis, Fort Dodge Housing Authority
12. Dave Eberbach, Iowa Institute for Community Alliances
13. Julie Eberbach, Iowa Institute for Community Alliances
14. Maraleigh Fisher, Community Housing Initiatives - Waterloo
15. Sharon Ford, Community Action of Southeast Iowa
16. Kristine Frakes, Des Moines Area Religious Council
17. Robin Frey, Beacon of Life
18. Katie Gallo, Youth Emergency Shelter Services
19. Gloria Gray, Children and Families of Iowa
20. David Hagen, Hawkeye Area Community Action Program
21. David Hicks, Youth and Shelter Services
22. Shelly Horak, Iowa Department of Public Health
23. Marla Janning, New Opportunities
24. Ruby McGraw, Burlington Area Community YMCA-YWCA
25. Susan McGuire, Center for Siouxland
26. Dianne McKee, Des Moines Diocese
27. Keshia Meissner, Beacon of Life
28. Hope Metheny, Youth and Shelter Services
29. Eileen Mitchell, Iowa Institute for Community Alliances
30. Paula Morgan
31. Pat Nesvedt, Catholic Charities
32. Carol O'Brien, Foundations 2
33. Dennis Ostrander, Community Action of Southeast Iowa

34. Earnie Owen, Southwest Iowa
35. Jan Rutledge, Iowa Legal Aid
36. Tim Shannahan, Hawthorn Hill
37. Heidi Skattebo, Upper Des Moines Opportunity
38. Megan Thibodeau, Catholic Charities
39. Kelly Thompson, Humility of Mary Housing/Shelter
40. Jennifer Tibbets, Catherine McCauley Center
41. Marilyn Underberg, Family Resource Center
42. Tom Vance, Central Iowa Shelter and Services
43. Brad Whipple, Iowa Homeless Youth Centers
44. Barb Work, Crittenton Center

Dated this 19th day of March, 2012

Respectfully Submitted By:

Approved as to form:

.Chair

.Secretary